

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday , February 6, 2018 • 8:00 a.m. • 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Senate Chair
Rep. Daniel McCay, House Chair
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove, House Vice Chair
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Justin L. Fawson
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. V. Lowry Snow

Members Absent:

Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Bradley G. Last

Staff Present:

Mr. Sean C. Faherty, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Hillyard called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

1 . Follow-up on Education Budget Issues

Mr. Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education (USBE) gave a follow-up presentation on budget requests beginning with the Restorative Discipline Services budget request. Dr. Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, USBE, further explained the Restorative Discipline Services budget request.

[2a-USBE Restorative Discipline Services Update](#)

Mr. Ben Leishman gave a presentation on a 2nd year of funding for the STEM Lab Pilot Program.

2 . Science Outreach

Rep. Arent explained a Science Outreach request for appropriation for Habitat Investigations.

[3a-iSEE Overview Sheet - Habitat Investigations](#)

[3b-iSEE Supporting Information for Habitat Investigations](#)

[3c-iSEE Zoo Photo](#)

Mr. Mike Washburn, President and CEO, Thanksgiving Point, introduced Ms. Chris Schmitz, Director of Education, Utah's Hogle Zoo, and members of the board and staff of Informal Science Education Enhancement (iSEE). Mr. Washburn gave further explanation of a request for appropriation for the Science Outreach programs. Ms. Schmitz introduced the new director at Hogle Zoo, Mr. Steve Burns, and gave a presentation on Hogle Zoo. Zoo creatures were introduced to the subcommittee.

Chair Hillyard asked about the appropriation for the habitat request, with responses from Ms. Schmitz, Mr. Washburn and Rep. Arent.

Rep. Arent explained a request for appropriation for iSEE Student Outreach Expansion request.

[3d-iSEE Collective Impact](#)

Chair Hillyard asked about the request for the outreach expansion with responses from Rep. Arent, Ms. Schmitz, and Mr. Leishman

3 . Education Data Systems (Financial "End-to-End" & CACTUS)

Mr. Jones, Mr. Mark Huntsman, Board Chair, USBE , and Ms. Natalie Grange, Assistant Superintendent of Financial Operations, USBE, introduced themselves. Mr. Jones explained Education Data Systems budget requests, and the Comprehensive Administration of Credentials for Teachers in Utah Schools (CACTUS) system.

[4a-USBE Systems](#)

Chair Hillyard, Rep. Eliason, Rep. Moss, Rep. Robertson, Sen. Stephenson, Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Pulsipher, Sen. Fillmore, and Rep. McCay, asked questions about, and gave support for this additional budget request, with responses from Mr. Jones, Mr. Huntsman, and Superintendent Dickson.

Rep. McCay asked about a Request For Information (RFI) and the lack of response from Districts and Charter Schools, with responses from Mr. Terry Shoemaker, School Board Association and Utah School Superintendents Association; and Mr. Royce Van Tassell, Executive Director, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools.

Rep. Christensen commented about the RFI and the response from the districts and charter schools.

Rep. McCay asked Mr. Jones about a list of those districts and charter schools that did not respond to the RFI. Mr. Jones replied that he would provide that list to Rep. McCay. Rep. McCay said he would send a letter to the Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that did not reply.

Chair Hillyard made a comment concerning the RFI with a response from Mr. Jones.

Chair Hillyard made comments about what the subcommittee needs to consider for our next two meetings. He also asked the USBE for their recommendations of the budget.

4 . Requests for Appropriation (RFA)

Sen. Stephenson explained a request for appropriation for Dual Immersion Expansion.

Rep. Arent, Rep. Lisonbee, Rep. Pulsipher, Chair Hillyard, asked about the Dual Immersion Program, with responses from Sen. Stephenson and Mr. Karl Bowman, Specialist, World Languages, Dual Immersion, Gifted and Talented, USBE.

Sen. Stephenson and Mr. Bowamn explained a request for Dual Immersion Assessment. Chair Hillyard asked about the Dual Immersion program with a response from Sen. Stephenson.

Sen. Stephenson and Mr. Bowman explained a request for Dual Immersion Bridge. Rep. Briscoe, Chair Hillyard, Sen. Millner, made comments and asked about Dual Immersion, with responses from Sen. Stephenson and Mr. Bowman.

Rep. Val Potter explained an appropriation for Teacher Salary Supplement. Mr. Joel Allred, Director, Special Education, Cache County School District and Rep. Kay Christofferson, further explained the request.

Rep. McCay assumed the chair.

Rep. Briscoe and asked about the Teacher Salary Supplement retirement, with responses from Rep. Potter.and Sen. Stephenson.

Sen. Hillyard resumed the chair.

Sen. Stephenson expressed support for the Teacher Salary Supplement appropriation request. Chair Hillyard, Rep. Pulsipher, Sen. Fillmore asked about Teacher Salary Supplement. Rep. Potter, Mr. Leishman, Rep. Christopherson, and Sen. Stephenson responded.

Sen. Iwamoto; Ms. Karen Morgan, former Senator; Ms. Kathleen Brown, Executive Director, University of Utah Reading Clinic; and Ms. Holly Dean, Director, Distance Learning Lab/Specialist, University of Utah Reading Clinic, explained the request for appropriation for a statewide University of Utah Reading Clinic. Chair Hillyard asked about the appropriation with a response from Ms. Brown.

Rep. Arent expressed support for this request. Ms. Brown and Ms. Morgan responded. Sen. Stephenson and Rep. Spendlove asked about the Reading Clinic with a response from Ms. Brown.

5 . Other Business

Chair explained that we have two more meetings to get a budget to Executive Appropriations. He asked that the Governor's Office and the State Board to come with a prepare a priority list that will be sent to the subcommittee before Thursday's meeting.

6 . Subcommittee Discussion on Budget Issues

This agenda item was not discussed.

7 . Approve Minutes

MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2018, January 31, 2018, and February 2, 2018 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 7 .

Yeas-15

Rep. P. Arent
Rep. J. Briscoe
Rep. L. Christensen
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. L. Hillyard
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. K. Lisonbee
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Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. R. Spendlove
Sen. H. Stephenson

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. J. Fawson
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. B. Last
Sen. J. Stevenson
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MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 7 .

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Chair Hillyard adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.